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SUBJ: YARIV ON SIX POINT AGREEMENT

1. DURING VISIT BY CODEL STRATTON, GENERAL YARIV NOV 18
AND AGAIN NOV 19 GAVE GENERALIZED BRIEFING ON EGYPTIAN

ISRAELI TALKS TO IMPLEMENT SIX POINT AGREEMENT. YARIV SAID
AGREEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO SOLVE MILITARY PROBLEMS ON
GROUND. THERE HAD BEEN SEVEN MEETINGS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN
AND ISRAELI MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO SIGNING THE
AGREEMENT, BUT THESE HAD LARGELY DEALT WITH IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS
OF POWS AND ONE-TIME RESUPPLY OF SUEZ CITY.

2. REGARDING SIX POINT AGREEMENT, YARIV SAID IT WAS WIDE
ENOUGH TO PERMIT THE TWO SIDES TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT YET
VAGUE ENOUGH TO ALLOW EACH SIDE TO INTERPRET IT AS IT WANTED.
WITHOUT THIS TYPE OF FORMULA THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO
AGREEMENT. YARIV TERMED IT A VERY " PECULIAR AGREEMENT"
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SINCE IT WAS FIRST SIGNED AND THEN DISCUSSED. ACT OF SIGNING,

YARIV SAID, MEANT THAT BOTH SIDES HAD AN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING CEASEFIRE.

3. YARIV SAID AGREEMENT DEALT WITH TWO SETS OF PROBLEMS: IMMEDIATE, SUCH AS POWS, AND LONG RANGE (DISENGAGEMENT). RE POWS, YARIV SAID ISRAEL HAD BEEN SURPRISED THAT LIST EGYPT HAD PREPARED HAD CONTAINED ONLY 238 NAMES. YARIV SAID THERE WERE SOME MISSING SOLDIERS WHO HAD NOT BEEN ON LIST BUT WHO HAD APPEARED ON EGYPTIAN RADIO OR WHO HAD BEEN SEEN IN EGYPT BY POWS THAT HAD ALREADY RETURNED TO ISRAEL. YARIV SAID THAT HE HAD RAISED THIS POINT WITH EGYPTIAN GENERAL GAMASY BUT HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT EGYPT HAD PRESENTED A COMPLETE LIST OF POWS THAT IT HELD.

4. RE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES, YARIV ECHOED ISRAELI PROPOSAL FOR MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL WITH INTERPOSING UNEF IN BUFFER ZONE. LINES WHICH ISRAEL AND EGYPT WOULD FINALLY OCCUPY AFTER DISENGAGEMENT WOULD BE STARTING POINT AND BASIS FOR POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS. YARIV SAID ONE AND ONE-HALF OF HIS LATEST TALKS WITH GENERAL GAMASY DEALT WITH QUESTION OF DISENGAGEMENT AND POINT HAD BEEN REACHED WHERE EACH SIDE HAD CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT OTHER SIDE HAD IN MIND; NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOV 22 WOULD GET INTO THICK OF PROBLEM. IF ISRAEL WAS LUCKY, PROBLEM WOULD BE WRAPPED UP IN TWO OR THREE MEETINGS.
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